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JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

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SUBJECT: JTPA CLOSEOUT WORKGROUP

On August 7, 1998, the U.S. Congress passed H.R. 1385, commonly called the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). Although this act did not specify any conditions regarding the closeout of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), it did indicate that WIA would replace the JTPA by July 1, 2000. The Department of Labor (DOL) has not yet released the final regulations pertaining to WIA, nor has it issued any guidelines for the closeout of JTPA. However, the Job Training Partnership Division is working on policy guidance and training materials that will address the closeout process.

Since many of the involved closeout components are technical and require significant time to implement and complete (e.g., property, third-party claims, transition activities), we would like to complete the training materials in order to provide training workshops beginning in May 1999. Many Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) were involved in the closeout of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA), and we believe their experience will be valuable in preparing for the eventual JTPA closeout process. As such, JTPD would like to establish a workgroup which includes SDA representatives. This will give the SDAs an opportunity to offer their perspective and suggestions on policy guidance and the design and development of the training workshop.

We anticipate the workgroup will meet no more than six times over the next few months. If you have staff who would like to be a part of the design and development of this workshop, please contact Jean Cole of the Policy Unit at (916) 654-8284 or Don MacMillan of the Capacity Building Unit at (916) 654-8308 by February 1, 1999.

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